कारण राज्य की विधान सभा ही तय कर सकती है कि कौन सी शर्तों को वे अपने कानून में लगाएं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Consultative Committees

†*63. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is compulsory to constitute 'Consultative Committees' for all Ministries;

(b) if so, the names of Ministries under the present Government functioning since May, 2004 where "Consultative Committees' have not been constituted so far and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these Committees are likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The list of Ministries which do not have Consultative Committees is placed at Statement Enclosed (*see* below). As per the guidelines, Membership of a Consultative Committee is voluntary and a Member can be nominated to one Consultative Committee only. A minimum of ten member is required for the Constitution of a Consultative Committee. Preferences from required number of Hon'ble Members of Parliament have not been received as a result of which the Consultative Committee of these Ministries have not been constituted. Hence, it may not be possible to give any time-frame by which the Consultative Committees of these Ministries are likely to be constituted.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

List of Ministries where Consultative Committees could not be constituted for want of prescribed number of members

1. Ministry of Company Affairs
2. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
3. Ministry of Law and Justice
4. Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources
5. Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
6. Ministry of Science and Technology and Department of Ocean Development
7. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
8. Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation
9. Ministry of Mines
10. Ministry of Minorities Affairs
11. Ministry of Women and Child Development
12. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
13. Ministry of Planning
14. Department of Atomic Energy
15. Department of Space

Placing of India on "Watch List" by US

*64. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Annual Report 2006 of the States Department of the United States has categorized India as the sources, destination, and transit country for men, women and children trafficked for the purposes of forced or bonded labour and commercial sexual exploitation and placed our country in the "Watch List";

(b) if so, the details of Government's response, if any, conveyed to the US thereto;

(c) the basis of the said response; and

(d) the implications of a country being placed in the "Watch-List" by the US administration?